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Trumbull and Schurz to Speak at Cooper Institute To-Night.

Six Persons Killed by a Tug-Boat Explosion.

Daily Report of the Leading Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE LIBERAL REPUBLICAN MEETING TO-NIGHT.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Messrs. Trumbull and Schurz have arrived, and are staying at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The meeting at the Cooper Institute, to-morrow night, promises to be an immense demonstration.

THE INDICTED DISTILLERS.

The counsel of the indicted distillers insist that the late United States Grand Jury was illegally drawn, and demand that all Ben Butler's indictments be quashed.

KILLED.

A blind man, named Richard Cain, after matching his way alone through a store for many years, fell through a hatchway, this afternoon, and was killed.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS

have organized a union, with rooms at No. 925 Spring street. They have arranged for commutation at special rates over 20,000 miles of railroads and steamboats; a reduction of hotel expenses and reduction of telegraph rates; also, combined to oppose the payment of State or city licenses.

EXPLOSION.

The tug-boat Davenport was blown to atoms this morning by a boiler explosion at Jersey City, instantly killing six of her crew. Scarcely a fragment of the tug was to be seen after the explosion, both the boat and victims being literally obliterated. The tug was towing four canal boats, on which many narrow escapes from personal injury occurred. The boiler was inspected a few months ago and thought to be in excellent condition.

STOCKS.

The situation on the Stock Exchange to-day was for the most part characterized by increased depression and a sharp decline in prices. There was a pressure to sell nearly everything on the list, and a large number of short contracts were closed up. Many holders are tired out by the high rate of money, and are selling out, and the retirement of many outside speculators weakens prices. The depression in the share-list to-day was greater than on any previous day since the temper of speculation changed from bull to bear. The market, with few exceptions, reached the lowest figures of the present downward movement. The sharp decline induced many bears to accept their profits, and buying for short account, caused a general rally in prices during the afternoon. The market at the close was firm and higher. Reading shares were stricken from regular call to-day, as the Company had not registered the stock according to the rules of the Board.

The Bank of Ireland this morning advanced its discount rate to 4 per cent. Last week it advanced it from 3½ per cent, and it looks as if the Bank had determined to crush Erie speculation over which London has been going wild for weeks past.

The card of Commodore Vanderbilt, in which he stated he has nothing to do with the Union Pacific, either directly or indirectly, is not a surprise to those well posted in Wall street, but it affected unfavorably the price of stock.

THE MONEY MARKET

was active and stringent during the greater part of the day at ⅛@⅜ per diem. Just previous to 3 o'clock the rate declined to 7 per cent gold, but soon after wards advanced to 1-16 to 7 per cent, gold. Some banks were making currency from the interior, while others are still shipping currency.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

is quiet at 109½ to 109¾ for prime bankers' sixty days sterling, and 110 to 110¼ for sight.

THE GOLD MARKET

closed quiet and firm at 110¼ to 110¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

closed quiet and steady.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SECURITIES.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 101@102. Union Pacific firsts, 90@91; land grants, 79@80; incomes, 84@85.

BREADSTUFFS.

The flour market was fairly active, and winter wheat brands, under the exciting news from St. Louis, much higher. Spring wheat extras firmer. At close the market is firm, but very dull for spring wheat of the low grades, and strong for winter at the advance. The *Express* to-night says speculators are reported to be purchasing in all the principal cities of the West with a view to run up the prices in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. It is the old game of buying and holding all the wheat and flour which comes to their hands. This is the meanest kind of stock gambling. In wheat but little doing. Holders of spring firm, but buyers hold off. Winter strong and in fair demand for milling. The market at the close is easier for spring and common winter. Choice is firmly held. The demand for spring is in part for export.

PROVISIONS.

Pork higher and firm, with scant offerings.

[To the Associated Press.]

RAIN.

NEW YORK, April 11.—General Sickles states that he has received information that the recent rains destroyed the crops of the Carolinas to the extent of 50 per cent. This is the first colored farmer has ever made such a statement.

At a meeting of the Central Club of the Irish Americans, Ex-Recorder Hackett presiding, Anthony Rutherford was elected Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Resolutions were offered denouncing the Fenian Brotherhood, and declaring that the Irish people of this country have no sympathy with the Clan-na-Gael movement.

The Freedmen's Hospital, of Washington, and the Howard University, of Washington, are by no means the same institution, but it is evident that the Trustees of the latter were under such an impression, inasmuch as they have absorbed some thousands of dollars appropriated to the former. In defiance of all precedent, they are to be obliged to disgorge their gains.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has reported a resolution declaring that, in the opinion of the House, the President should demand from Spain the instant release of Dr. Howard, and the restoration to him of his confiscated property. American citizenship means something, after all. Secretary Fish says that the State Department is in earnest in asking for Howard's release, which is a gratifying (and needed) piece of information.

The Ways and Means Committee has had a long session over the question of presenting the Tariff bill before the Tax bill, or vice versa. The Revenue Reformers, who are in the majority, wished to get the Tariff bill disposed of before the other came up, whereupon the Protectionists bolted. They were induced to return by the adoption of a compromise. The two bills are to be combined into one, which will be presented on Monday.

The Treasury Department has made an important decision under the law of July 14, 1870, in relation to the importation of goods to inland towns. It will hereafter only be necessary to show the bill of lading in order to make entry of the goods. This will do away with much unnecessary trouble and delay. The Secretary of the Treasury has issued orders to Collectors of Customs throughout the country to put the Chicago decision in operation.

To the intense relief, no doubt, of the cousins sitting in the Senate, an attempt to prove that Senator Schurz, while Minister to Madrid, was a defaulter to the Government in the sum of $6,000, has wofully miscarried. The Third Auditor of the Treasury is base enough to say that, instead of Schurz's being a debt to the Government, the Government is a debt to him, and that, moreover, his expenditures at Madrid were far smaller than those of any other Minister ever sent there.

The Senate Committee on Elections has begun the task of cleaning out the Augean stables of South Carolina by deciding the Lowndes-DeLarge contested election. DeLarge is denied the seat because he wasn't elected, and Bowen is denied the seat because, since his election, he has served in the South Carolina Legislature. The contested election in Dakota has also been decided. The sitting member, a Democrat, is allowed to retain his seat. He was elected by the votes of residents of military reservations, and it was claimed that such votes were illegal. The Committee, by overruling this claim, has established a new precedent.

The National Colored Men's Convention has effected its permanent organization, with Frederick Douglass as President. A resolution repudiating all sympathy with the Columbus Liberal Reform Convention and the Cincinnati Liberal Republican Convention was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. One delegate was safely delivered of the profound remark that the Cincinnati Convention was controlled by the bummers. Lieutenant Governor Pinchback objected to disclaiming sympathy with the Cincinnati movement, because such action would imply a condemnation of Charles Sumner.

The House has cut down the Civil Service reform appropriation to $10,000. Butler stated that the scheme was a crafty plot against the President; that it originated with an Illinois politician (Trumbull) and a retired ex-Secretary (Cox); and that it was practically confined to them. It has evidently never reached Butler's nephew in Utica, or his brother-in-law in New Orleans. At such a scanty sum as $10,000, the Administration will probably be unable to carry out the thorough purification of the New York and New Orleans Custom Houses it is contemplated, so that George William Curtis' "crafty plot against the President" will doubtless fail.

The leading feature in the produce markets in this city, yesterday, was the extreme excitement in mess pork, a regular battle ensuing (metaphorically) between the bulls and the bears. The market advanced 15c per brl, but closed weaker, at $12.20 cash, and $12.20 @12.25 seller May. Lard was a shade higher, but quiet, closing at $8.60@8.45 cash; $8.47 1-2 @8.50 seller May. Meats were in good demand and firm, at 3 3-4@3 7-8c for shoulders, 5 1-2@5 7-8c for short ribs, and 6 1-8@6 1-4c for sleek. Highwines were steady at 87c per gallon. Flour was more active, and firm, at $6.25@7.00 for low to choice spring extras. Wheat was quiet and steady, closing at $1.32 1-2 cash; and $1.34 3-8@1.34 1-2 seller May. Corn was less active, and a shade lower, closing at 36 3-8@36 5-8c cash, and 40 1-8@ 40 1-4c seller May. Oats were quiet and steady at 34 1-8@34 3-4c cash, and 34 5-8@34 3-4c seller May. Rye was more active and firm, at 70c for No. 1. Barley was steady at 85c for No. 2. The above prices of cash grain are all subject to winter storages, to be paid by the buyer. Freights were quiet and steady. The live stock markets were quiet and steady at yesterday's prices. Cattle sold at $4@6.50. The cattle trade was quiet, and values were unchanged. Hogs were in light request at about former

ANOTHER SAD CALAMITY.

Explosion of the Boiler of the Steamer Oceanus, near Cairo.

The Entire Upper Works of the Ill-Fated Vessel Blown to Fragments.

Between Sixty and Seventy Persons Drowned or Burned to Death.

CAIRO, Ill., April 11.—Steamer Oceanus, from Red River to St. Louis, when near Brook's Point, 30 miles above here, at 4 o'clock this morning, exploded her boiler, blowing her upper works almost entirely away, immediately after which the wreck took fire, burning to the water's edge. Pilot Thompson, of the steamer John Lamasden, lying a few miles below, on seeing the light from the burning wreck, manned the yawl, and proceeded up the river to ascertain the cause. He found a small party of survivors on Head Island, but passed on to relieve those on the wreck. Ten or twelve were clinging to the wheel, but it dropped before he reached there, and all but four were lost. He found a deck passenger, name unknown, near the shore, badly scalded, who died before his arrival at Cairo. Steamer Belle St. Louis, bound up, took nearly all the survivors. Mr. Thompson rescued Allen Harris. The latter states that Wiggins, their Red River pilot, was drowned. Harry Trift, the pilot on watch, and Captain Reeder, were buried in the debris, and were heard calling desperately for help, but the fire gained such headway that they could not be reached and were burned. Foster, the carpenter of the ill-fated steamer, reached here on the shreds. He was not seriously hurt. He states that the second engineer, Kent, was badly scalded, was helpless and blind. Fisher put him on a stage plank with others. The stage soon capsized, drowning several, including Kennedy, Geo. Kentbier, first engineer, is supposed to be lost. Henry H. Wyerbach, first clerk, was also saved after the explosion. He expected to go through from Cairo by rail, but was put on the boat after leaving here. Chas. Wrenham, second clerk; John Dempewolf, steward, and Charley Hovey, cabin-boy, were found dead floating in the river, all with life-preservers on, and brought here by the steamer Sarvis, supposed to be chilled to death.

There were two lady passengers, all supposed to be lost. The bodies of four Indian were seen floating past Watson's Landing to day, but were not recovered. Pilot Thompson thinks from what himself are the only employes of the boat saved, though the Belle St. Louis may have picked up others. Among the passengers, it is said, there were about forty cabin and thirty-five deck passengers, making a total of about one hundred souls. Of these eighty-five are supposed to be lost. The greater portion of the survivors being on the Belle St. Louis, no account of the number saved can be given. Estimate of the loss can be obtained, except from her books.

Fisher describes the effects of the explosion as terrific beyond conception, the whole upper works being lifted bodily, and falling on the boat and in the water completely enveloping it. He saved himself by securing a plank and floating until rescued by a yawl of the Lumsden. He was in the water two and a half hours, though covered by *debris*, was only slightly bruised.

LATER.

The steamer Grand Tower, just arrived, reports the First Engineer and Mate saved; also Harry Wyerbach, first clerk, on the Belle St. Louis. The Second Engineer was saved, but died of his injuries.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—The *Democrat's* Cairo special details as to the explosion of the steamer Oceanus, says the carpenter describes the scene as very appalling and terrific. The river around the wreck was covered with debris, baggage, bed clothing, beds, &c., much of it burning. The cabin and about half of the deck had floated off and was burning the Captain in the midst of the fire endeavoring for help. Men and women in the water were throwing up their hands, sinking to rise no more. Six or eight persons were on the forecastle and Fisher says a plank floated to all of except himself got upon it, but as soon as it struck the water the plank careened and all upon it perished.

The steamer Lumsden saved Jno. Mocker, Chas. Ferguson, and John Mansfield, colored. Joseph Worsham, first clerk; Captain Reeder, Colonel Reeder, the steward, J. F. Hall, passenger of the Covington, and many others are missing. It is thought from sixty to seventy persons are lost.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

The Act Passed by the Illinois General Assembly.

SECTION 1. That private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation, and that, in case in which compensation is not made by the State in its corporate capacity, such compensation shall be ascertained by a jury, as hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. That, in all cases where the right to take private property for public use, without the consent of the owner, for the purpose of making, maintaining, any public road, railroad, plank road, turnpike road, canal, or other public work or improvement, or for the purpose of straightening, widening, or changing the course of, any such road, railroad, plank road, turnpike road, canal, or other public work or improvement, is now or hereafter may be vested by law in Judges of the Circuit or County Courts, either in vacation or term time, where the said property or any part thereof is situate, by filing with the Clerk a petition, setting forth, by reference to him or their authority in the premises, the purpose for which said property is sought to be taken or damaged, a description of the property, the names of all persons interested therein as owners or otherwise, as appearing of record, if known, or if not known, stating that fact, and praying such Judge to cause the compensation to be paid to the owner to be assessed. If the interest of any such person be that of a life-tenant, or of married women, their husbands shall also be made parties. Persons interested, whose names are unknown, may be made parties defendant under the description of the unknown owners, but in all cases where the fact shall be proved by affidavit, or by the petitioner, setting forth that the names of such persons are unknown, in case of service by publication, or by notice or demand by the State for the purpose of establishing, operating, or maintaining any state canal or state railroad, or for the purpose of locations or improvements, the petition shall be signed by the Governor, or such other person as he shall direct, or such officer as shall be named by law.

SEC. 3. If such petition be presented to a Judge in vacation, the Judge shall note thereon the day of the presentation, and shall appoint some day when he will hear the same, and shall order the issuance of summons to each resident defendant, for the publication of notice to each non-resident defendant, and the Clerk of the Court shall at once issue the summons and give the notices accordingly.

SEC. 4. Service of such summons and publication of such notice shall be made as in causes in Chancery.

SEC. 5. Causes may be heard by such Judges in vacation as well as in term time, but no cause shall be held earlier than ten days after service upon defendant, or upon due publication against non-residents. Any number of separate parcels of property, situate in the same county, may be included in one petition, and the compensation for each shall be assessed separately, by the same or different juries, as the Court or Judge may direct. Amendments to the petition, or any papers or record in the cause, may be permitted whenever necessary to a fair trial and final determination of the questions in issue. Judges in vacation may direct at any stage of the proceedings to bring a new party before the Court or Judge, the Court or Judge shall have power to make all proper rules and orders in relation thereto as may be deemed reasonable and proper; and shall also have power to make all proper rules and orders for notice to parties of the pendency of the proceeding and to issue all process necessary to the due execution of the judgment that may be rendered.

SEC. 6. In cases fixed for hearing of petition in vacation, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court in whose office the petition is filed, at the time of issuing summons or publishing publication, to write the name of each of sixty-four disinterested freeholders of the county on sixty-four slips of paper, and in presence of two disinterested freeholders to deposit said slips in a box, and from said sixty-four names twelve of said persons to serve as jurors, such selection to be made by lot, and if any of said persons be interested, or shall be related to either party by consanguinity or affinity within the degree of cousin-german, as near relation as lawyers to appear at the Court House, in said county, at a day to be named in the writ.

SEC. 7. The petitioner and every party interested in the ascertaining of compensation, shall have the same rights of challenge, peremptory and for cause, as in the Circuit Courts. If the panel be not full, by reason of non-attendance, or challenge, the Judge shall order the Sheriff to fill it by calling persons present, or by issuing a venire for such persons to appear forthwith, or at such time as the Judge may direct, and the jury shall be filled.

SEC. 8. When the jury shall have been so selected, the Court shall cause the following oath to be administered to said jury: "You and each of you do solemnly swear that you will well and truly ascertain and report just compensation to the owner (and each owner of the property, if it be owned by more than one) to be paid for the property which is sought to be taken or damaged in this case, and to each person therein interested, according to the facts in the case as they may appear on the trial, and the instructions of the Court, and that you will truly report such compensation so ascertained: so help you G d."

SEC. 9. Said jury shall, at the request of either party, go upon the land sought to be taken or damaged, in person, and examine the same, and view the premises, before any evidence is given in open Court, and the Court may require a view to be had by the jury under the direction of the Court or Judge, as in other cases may be necessary to enable said jurors to fully understand and clearly comprehend the matters in issue. Whereupon the said jurors shall be sworn or affirmed to hear the proofs and allegations of the parties, and a true verdict shall thereupon be rendered: *Provided*, That no portion of any damages which may accrue to lands or property set apart shall be set off against, or deducted from such compensation in any case.

SEC. 10. The Judge, or Court, shall, upon such report, proceed to adjudge and make such order as to right and justice shall pertain, ordering that petitioner enter upon such property and the use of the same, upon payment of full compensation, as ascertained, as aforesaid, and such order, with evidence of such payment, shall constitute complete justification of the taking of such property.

SEC. 11. Any person may make a party may become such by filing his cross petition, setting forth that he is the owner or has an interest in property, which will be damaged by the taking of property, and the rights of such last named petitioner shall thereupon be fully considered and determined.

SEC. 12. In all cases in either the Circuit or County Court, or in the Supreme Court, or Judge, an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court, from the same in the manner and on the same terms as is now provided by law in chancery cases, except that the petitioner shall not be required to give bond for costs on appeal, and except that either party shall have the right to enter upon the use of the property upon entering into bond, with sufficient sureties, conditioned for the payment of such compensation as may be finally adjudged in the case, in case of appeal by petitioner, petitioner shall enter into like bond with approved surety.

SEC. 13. Payment of compensation adjudged may, in all cases, be made by the County Treasurer, who shall, on demand, pay the same to the party thereto entitled, taking receipt therefor; or such payment may be made to the party entitled, his, her or their counsel, agent or guardian.

SEC. 14. The Court or Judge shall cause the verdict of the jury and the judgment of the Court to be entered upon the records of said Court.

SEC. 15. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to repeal any law or part of law, upon the other subject, passed by this General Assembly, but in all such cases this act shall be construed as providing a cumulative remedy.

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WASHINGTON.

A Lively Time in the Ways and Means Committee on the Tariff Question.

The Revenue Reform Element Asserts Itself to Some Purpose.

The Civil Service Reform System Receives Another Blow in the House.

House Resolution Prepared Demanding the Release of Dr. Howard.

The Contract System to Be Adopted in Dealing with the Indians.

Instructions to Collectors Regarding the Provisions of the Chicago Relief Bill.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The Administration is greatly annoyed at the introduction of Peters' resolution favoring the withdrawal of the claims for indirect damages, since it is believed that it will temporarily increase the complications abroad, just at a time when it may prove extremely vexatious. It seems that Peters' preamble and resolution was telegraphed to England as originating on the Administration side of the Chamber, and until it can be explained there that Peters really represented nothing in the matter but the jobbers in the Alabama Claims, the affair will have a queer look in England.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs, which is next on the call, has a number of bills, some of which are of considerable importance. The Committee has determined, as a finality, that all existing treaties with the Indians shall be faithfully observed, and that no exception whatever shall be made in favor of railroad companies or other outside interests. They have, however, decided to inaugurate a new method of dealing with tribes in future, and to substitute for treaty relations a system of contracts negotiated under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and submitted to the action of Congress. The first bill in which the new policy is involved is that which will be soon reported permitting the sale of the southern part of the late reservation in Colorado, a tract of fourteen millions of acres held by less than four thousand Indians. This policy is thoroughly approved by the Secretary of the Interior, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the Chairman of both the House and Senate Committees.

ELECTION CASE.

The House Committee on Elections this morning unanimously decided the Dakota case in favor of Armstrong, the sitting Democratic member, rejecting the claims of Burleigh and Spirit, Republicans. The decision was based upon the principle that votes cast by residents of military reservations may be lawfully counted, determining upon this point a precedent not before established. The Committee also rejected DaLarge's motion, that Bowen's contest of his seat be dismissed on account of the latter's acceptance of a seat in the South Carolina Legislature.

DR. HOWARD.

The Foreign Affairs Committee to-day adopted Randall's resolution, recommending the President to demand the release of Dr. Howard, the American citizen now at Cadiz on his way from Cuba to the Spanish penal colony, and Mr. Banks will report it to the House at an early day. The resolution was of course adopted as a simple demand for release and apology for the indignity, insisting now only upon Howard's release and the restitution of his property. Secretary Fish to-day addressed a letter to Mr. Randall, in which he states that the State Department was in earnest in demanding Howard's release.

SCHURZ'S ACCOUNTS.

The vote of the House Committee on Appropriations calling on the Secretary of War for information as to the items which made up the estimate for the $100,000 asked for to close up the Freedman's Bureau, has developed a questionable condition of affairs at the Freedmen's Hospital. An attempt to produce vouchers for the expenditures of this institution failed, and later come out that a portion of the funds paid to the hospital had been passed over to the Howard University, now a private institution, and the Trustees have been considering the necessity of paying back some of these moneys, in order to enable the hospital to make an honest showing. The amount appropriated for this hospital last year was $76,000.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

Mr. Potter explained all about the Civil Service Reform to-day. He said it originated with an Illinois politician, meaning Trumbull, and a turned-out Cabinet editor, meaning General Cox. He explained that it was shrewdly conceived as the means of injuring the President, being so arranged that he would be denounced if he did not adopt it, and would surely be ruined if he did. The best thing to do was to back out squarely. Butler's hit at General Cox passed for proceedings. From the floor, Butler, under the guise of a member of Congress, as Attorney in the Interior Department, he was never very cordially received or directly aided.

UTAH.

Elder Corman and Senator elect Fitch, of the new State of Deseret, argued this morning before the Senate Committee on Territories in favor of the admission of Utah to the Union. The arguments upon which they lay the greatest weight is the necessity of a stable government for the prosperity of all the interests of the people of the Salt Lake basin, and the impossibility of securing this advantage except under a State organization. They also endeavored to show that the population of the Territory returned by the census of 1870 is much too small, and that it is nearly certain to exceed the requirements in time for the new apportionment. Concerning polygamy, they repeated the promises of the new Constitution and its friends that it shall be entirely abandoned, and prohibited in future.

THE HOUSE TAX AND TARIFF BILLS.

The sensation in Congressional circles here today has been the action of the Ways and Means Committee upon its own Tariff bill, over which it has spent so much time and labor. Last evening the Committee held a protracted and stormy session, which lasted until midnight, when the Revenue Reform element of the Committee, by one of numerical strength and obtained complete control of both the Tax and Tariff bills when they shall be brought into the House. The contest originated in the desire of the Revenue Reformers to have both the Tax and Tariff bills reported together, and that the latter should be first considered in the House, and disposed of before the former was touched. The Protectionists were strongly opposed to this idea, as the Tax bill, being the most popular, could be rushed through the House with scarcely any opposition, and then, when the Tax bill came up, filibustering would be resorted to to defeat it, or else the Senate could be induced to pass free Tea and Coffee bills, which would paralyze any further attempts at tariff reduction. On the question of priority of bills to be reported, after an exhausted and bitter discussion, it was decided in favor of the Tariff bill by the following vote: Yeas, Messrs. Burchard, Finkelnburg, Brooks, Beck, and Kerr. Nays, Messrs. Dawes, Roberts, Maynard, and Kelley. Upon the announcement of this vote, Mr. Dawes arose somewhat excitedly, and stated that he would neither report the bill or support it when it came before the House. Other members of the Committee who voted in the negative declined to the same effect, and, Sherwood, withdrew from the meeting. It was subsequently arranged, after this emeute, that both bills should be reported together by Mr. Burchard, and should be considered as one bill. The Revenue Reformers of the Committee are at a loss to understand this extraordinary action on the minority. Through the entire winter the sessions have been at least amicable, although the Reformers claim that in order to have some bill reported they have conceded almost everything to the Protectionists on material points. The forthcoming Tariff bill will be the most moderate one in every respect, interests of domestic manufactures being guarded at every point. It contains nothing that need alarm the most careful stickler for protection to home industries. The conclusion seems to be formed that the Protectionists never intended they any bill should be reported which would tend to reduce or alter the existing rates. It will now undoubtedly be reported on Monday.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The debate in the House, this afternoon, upon Mr. Sargent's proposition to reduce the Civil Service appropriation from $50,000 to $10,000, was vigorous and interesting. Less than at yesterday. General Butler divided with Mr. Sargent the leadership of the opponents of the appropriation, and would, apparently, have had little difficulty in carrying his motion to strike out even the $10,000, had he pressed it to a vote. One of the best speeches in favor of the appropriation was that by Mr. Perry, of Cincinnati, while Mr. Kellogg's reply to Beck was complete and effective. Among the Republicans voting for the smaller amendment were Messrs. Ames, Lynch, Marcer, Negley, Scofield, Ketcham, Shanks and Snapp, while nearly all the New England Representatives were among the friends of the fifty thousand dollars. It was noticeable that during both debates yesterday and to-day, not a word was said in favor of the rules framed by the Civil Service Advisory Board now in session, but that on the contrary they were repeatedly spoken of as visionary, futile, and impracticable, which nobody seemed to care to deny. It is probable that an attempt will be made to take the vote on the question by yeas and nays, when the bill is reported to the House, and it is possible that in Conference Committee the larger amount may be restored. The final decision depends upon the action of the Democrats, which, of course, will be governed entirely by political contingencies.

MR. SCHURZ'S ACCOUNTS AS MINISTER TO SPAIN.

L. L. Crounse, correspondent of the *Inter-Ocean* at Chicago, and Democrat of St. Louis, and whose despatches are dropped in New York for the Times of that city, has busied himself for the past few days in investigating Mr. Schurz's accounts, while Minister at Madrid. He presented no authority for this purpose, but simply demanded it as the right of an Administration correspondent. He was allowed to make examination as desired, and proved, that so far as the books were concerned, Schurz appeared to be square, and entitled to the Government in the sum of $4,000. In explanation of this apparent discrepancy, Third Auditor Ela says that, while the books may demonstrate this, the accounts are as yet unsettled, and when the balance is finally made up, it will be found that the Government is considerably indebted to Schurz. It also appears from the records that his expenditures at Madrid were among the lowest ever made at that post, and that the settlement of his accounts were suspended by the Department to be returned to enter the war for the Union.

[To the Associated Press.]

DR. HOWARD'S CASE.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to report the following: That in the judgment of this Committee said John Enslie Howard was and is a citizen of the United States by birth, and continued and uninterrupted choice, and as such is entitled to all and every protection from the Government; and in the opinion of this House the President should promptly demand his unconditional release and restitution of his property which has been confiscated to the Spanish Government.

THE SENATE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE

met this morning. Secretary Boutwell was recalled and testified. He had held conversations with the Marquis de Chambrun in relation to the matter of the claim of Louis Napoleon for compensation with Chambrun some weeks ago on the subject of the preamble to Senator Sumner's resolution. In that conversation the Marquis said the letter which he understood to be the Remington letter was not delivered to Mr. Sumner by him, and stated that it was given to Mr. Sumner. He said he gave the letter to Senator Patterson to show to the President, and Patterson gave it to Sumner.

By Mr. Schurz—Did he say Patterson gave to Sumner the letter or its contents?

My recollection is he said Mr. Patterson gave the letter, or a copy of it, to Mr. Sumner.

By Mr. Schurz—Did he not further state, as appears from his testimony, that he communicated the letter first to Mr. Patterson, and that Patterson gave the contents to Mr. Sumner, and that Chambrun had any conversation with Mr. Sumner about it?

My recollection is that he said Patterson gave the letter, or a copy of it, to Mr. Sumner. I said the Remington letter. I see by the preamble that there were two letters. That is without my recollection as to what letter it was.

By Mr. Hamlin. Did he not deny that he furnished the letter to Mr. Sumner?

I did not say that I went in the Marquis in order to protest or complain that he had drawn Mr. Sumner into so embarrassing a position. My conversation on his part was in the nature of a denial that Sumner had acted by his special agency or influence, and that he had with him information from Sumner, and had not stimulated him to this investigation.

Colonel Sumner re-called and examined: Remington was not in any way interested in getting up the charges against Place. Remington has been asked by the French Government to make certain statements about Place's conduct while under the French Government and not volunteered by Remington. Remington applied personally to friends, including those in whose house he held official relations, to furnish papers, not to establish his character, but to correct misrepresentations abroad. The papers were given for the vindication of Remington. The latter was not called nor the papers used at the second trial of Place, but were submitted before the Investigating Committee. The papers were translated into French for convenience, and a printed copy handed to each member of that Committee. Witness was not sure copies were not furnished to members of the Court that tried Place. To his knowledge, the letters or papers were not authenticated by the Secretary of State. He thought the signatures of the writers of the letters were authenticated at the American Legation in Paris.

By Mr. Schurz—The papers were not procured to help in the settlement of Remington's account with the French Government. The accounts had been certified by the Committee on War Claims. The witness understood that the only delay in paying them was in waiting to hear what will come out of the investigation. If it should appear at any time, the Remingtons would be the losers. The Remingtons, if they had acted in bad faith, have lost the confidence of the French Government, as they had been offered larger prices for the arms by private parties. Remington gave an account of 45,000 of the Remington certificate of stock which General Ingalls testified had been taken by witness's possession. In regard to overstock, Ingalls never received from witness anything but $30,000 for it. Ingalls said if Squire had passed it to another party, General Ingalls had passed it to another party. General Ingalls would have spoken of it, and Squire said if Ingalls had asked more he would have given it. The stock was issued to another party. General Butterfield, for his official services in the investment of outside capital in the Remington Company. He thought this statement was issued in blank. Butterfield's efforts failed and were abandoned. If the arrangement had been carried out a certificate would have been issued to the latter.

By Mr. Carpenter—The certificate was not purchased from Ingalls in consideration of anything. He never believed Ingalls did anything wrong. The purchase of the stock was not purchased with regard to any sale or office to be procured. It it had been legitimate stock it would have been worth three times as much as it represented.

Witness was then examined at length with regard to his call at the War Department to procure arms.

General Ingalls was recalled. Had never had an interview with Colonel Forbes, of the Hoffman House, in company with General Dyer, about the sale of arms, nor had he had a conversation with any other person on this subject. He repeated his former testimony, that the $60,000 worth of scrip came into his possession in a package, in a third party. General Butterfield, with whom he had private transactions and exchanged private papers. In contradiction of the statement of Mason, he said he had no connection whatever with the Remingtons.

By Mr. Stevenson—There was no truth whatever in the statement of Mrs. Mason as to himself. He had never had any conversation with Mrs. Remington about arms.

Thos. Richardson was recalled, and gave testimony about the paper procured by Remington, showing the appointment of Squire as the French Government had passed on Remington's account.

E. G. Reed briefly testified in relation to the testimony of Peck and Chamberun.

The Chairman said the Committee would close the investigation with the Secretary of War, the two clerks of the War Department, and Representative Starkweather, in whose presence it was said by Chamberlain Minor of Senator Fish had been read, and also that of Colonel Bennett, and Mrs. Mason, in case she could be found.

The Committee adjourned until Monday.

APPOINTMENT.

B. B. Barney has been appointed Government Storekeeper in the Third District of Wisconsin.

THE UTAH JUDICIARY.

The House Committee on Judiciary to-day invited Chief Justice Waite to visit the Committee to-morrow morning, and to communicate such views as he may desire to express on the subject of Judicial Reform in that Territory, and the merits of Zeopheniathus Potter's bill. The Judge has accepted.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD.

The Treasury Department has construed the act of July 14, 1870, in regard to goods being sent forward to certain inland ports without appraisement, as not hereafter to require only the production of the invoice showing the destination to be for an interior port, if the absence of the invoice, showing such destination, the production of the bill of lading and manifest. This will, in most cases, relieve importers from the necessity of producing bills of lading before making entry of goods.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day issued instructions to the various Collectors of Customs to carry out the provisions of the Chicago Relief bill.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 11.

DISABILITY BILL.

Mr. HILL, Ga., introduced a bill to remove the political disabilities of a Mr. Forbes, of Georgia.

Mr. TRUMBULL proposed to offer a general amendment to all amendments which may be made, and the bill was laid upon the table.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to allow a rebate of taxes paid on distilled spirits destroyed by fire in the City of Chicago, and by other fires since January, 1868, and moved its passage; but giving rise to debate, it went over.

MEMORIAL.

Mr. DAVIS (W. Va.) presented a resolution of the West Virginia Constitutional Convention in favor of the immediate removal of all political disabilities in that State.

ADVERSE REPORT.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported adversely to the bill granting a pension of $5,000 a year to the widow of Admiral Farragut.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Howe, Hamlin, and Pendleton were appointed a Committee of Conference on the Bayfield & St. Croix Railroad bill.

BILLS.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. PRAUT—Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent for 160 acres of land in Grant and Wabash Counties, Ind.

By Mr. WILKERSON, To amend the War of 1812 Pension act of February, 1871, by striking out the provision in the first section relating to the marriage of widows of soldiers, and the proviso of the act to forestall "who married officers, soldiers, and sailors within three years after the treaty of peace.

ELECTION CASE.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the North Carolina Senatorial election case was taken up.

Mr. LOGAN called up the resolution reported by the majority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, as follows:

Resolved, That Joseph C. Abbott, not having received a majority of the votes cast by the North Carolina Legislature on the second Tuesday in November, 1870, for the office of Senator of the United States, is not entitled to a seat as such Senator.

Mr. LOGAN argued in support of the resolution.

At the conclusion of Mr. Logan's remarks, Mr. CARPENTER got the floor, but yielded to Mr. COLE, on whose motion

THE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC APPROPRIATION BILL

was taken up. An amendment was adopted providing that hereafter no allowance shall be made to any consular or diplomatic officer after the termination of his official functions, other than for the time reasonably used in his direct return to the United States.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, an amendment was adopted making the Interpreter of the American Legation in Japan also Secretary of Legation, and giving him an additional compensation of $2,000 per annum.

The bill was passed.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS PASSED.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, of the Committee on Agriculture, the bill was passed to extend the time for providing the Agricultural College in Indiana to the 1st of March, 1879; also a bill to prevent cruelty to animals in transit by railroad, and other means of transportation, and prohibiting the confinement of animals in cars, boats, or vessels for more than twenty-four hours continuously, after which time they are to have five hours for rest.

After some discussion, the bill passed—yeas, 97; nays, 71.

TREE-PLANTING.

Mr. HAZELTON, from the same Committee, reported a bill to encourage the planting of trees for the preservation of woods on the public domain, requiring all patents for lands to be on the condition of keeping 10 per cent of the land in timber, of planting two acres with timber trees for every acre from which timber is cut, etc.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill came up.

Debate on the Senate amendment appropriating $50,000 to enable the President to perfect and put in force such rules regulating the Civil Service as may from time to time be adopted by the President's various removals.

Mr. SARGENT opposed the amendment, and remarked that some members would support it upon the distinct ground that he was one of the Cincinnati Convention. He took no counsel from his enemies. He took none from the trained politicians of the Cincinnati Convention. The Administration of General Grant would be judged by its success, by its reduction of the National debt to the amount of nearly $300,000,000, and by the economy that has penetrated every Department. The Administration had made itself intolerable by ensuring peace through the South and by a reduction of the National debt. The Republican party would succeed at the next Presidential election not by inscribing on its banner merely "Civil Service Reform," but by pointing to the real Civil Service Reform work.

Mr. SHANKS characterized Civil Service Reform and abolition of the Franking Privilege as two specimens of regular Western humbuggery.

Mr. POTTER reminded Mr. Shanks that the Civil Service reform movement had been inaugurated by the President, and also the abolition of the franking privilege by the Postmaster General, one of the President's Constitutional advisers.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. HOLMAN, WAKEMAN, KELLOGG (Conn.), DUELL, STEVENSON, and PERRY (Ohio), the two latter in favor of the amendment.

Mr. BUTLER (Mass.) opposed it, and declared the movement to be a political trick to put the President in a position where, if he did not inaugurate it, he would be attacked, and if he did it would be ridiculed. The idea had sprung from the late turn-out of Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. BUTLER (Penn.) remarked that Mr. Butler attributed too much honor to the late Secretary.

Mr. BUTLER. It came from there, and will end there. It began in Cincinnati, and will end in Cincinnati.

The discussion having closed, the amendment offered by Mr. Sargent, to reduce the appropriation to $10,000, was adopted,—92 to 89.

The next important amendment on the bill was that for the extension of the Capitol grounds north and south, the estimate of the cost being about $600,000.

Mr. GARFIELD, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, explained the whole subject, and stated that the Committee recommended non-concurrence, not merely as a formal matter, but as an expression of the sentiment of the House, so that when the matter went to a Conference Committee, the Senate might understand the wish of the House.

After a long discussion, the Senate amendment was amended by limiting the amount to $400,000, and by requiring the removal within six months of the locomotive railroad tracks north of the west gate of the capitol. As thus amended, the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The next important amendment of the Senate was one increasing the salaries of Assistant Secretaries, and their officers, of the several Executive Departments to $4,000, and of Judges of the Court of Claims to $4,000, and of United States District Judges to $5,000. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. BUTLER (Mass.) raised a point of order that the amendment forbidding the publication of newspapers and periodicals in the enrolled bill from the exact words in the engrossed bill.

The SPEAKER succeeded in disentangling this parliamentary snarl, and then the vote on various amendments went over till to-morrow.

DR. HOWARD'S CASE.

Mr. HANKS presented all the papers in the case of Dr. Howard. Ordered printed.

NOTICE OF REPORT.

Mr. KETCHAM gave notice that he would present on Tuesday next the conference report on the St. Croix and Lake Superior bill.

Adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Iowa.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 11.—In the Senate, petitions were presented asking the College for Physicians, at Keokuk, be exempt from State taxation, and asking for a law authorizing the organization of independent school districts.

A bill passed to restore the rights of citizenship to Mordecai Cropper, heretofore convicted of crime, and to amend an act of this Assembly relative to bridges.

The Senate by a vote of 23 to 25, refused to reconsider the vote by which the substitute for the Mines bill, amending the law relative to capital punishment, was passed yesterday.

The special order was a bill to protect the people from charlatanism in the practice of medicine and surgery. The bill was lost, not receiving a constitutional majority.

The Senate has reconsidered by which the bill allowing counties to vote a two-mill tax to aid in the purchase or maintenance of agricultural fair grounds was lost, and the bill passed.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill providing for the building of an additional Insane Asylum; the preference, the stricken out the clause which provided that no money should be appropriated unless there was a surplus in the Treasury. House bill to amend the law making appropriations for the Insane Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. The amendment reduces the appropriation to $21,000.

A joint resolution was reported from the House to the effect that the General Assembly adjourn on the 23d inst., to meet again on the third Monday in January, 1873, for the consideration of the new code, such adjournment session to last not longer than thirty days, the members receiving mileage and per diem only for the time they were actually in session. Pending the discussion the Senate adjourned, but the bill will probably pass the Senate, the House having passed it to-day.

Bills passed to-day legalizing the acts of the Auditor of Cedar County; legalizing the levy of taxes in Emmet County for the construction of bridges, and legalizing the amended articles of incorporation of the Burlington & Southwestern Railway Company.

After a lengthy discussion, the House passed a concurrent resolution, that this General Assembly will adjourn on the 23d day of April to the third Wednesday in January, 1873. The resolution provides that nothing shall be considered at the adjourned session, and no bills passed except the code, except by unanimous consent. No mileage shall be allowed members at such adjourned session. No per diem shall be allowed members at such adjourned session, except for the time actually in the session. The General Assembly shall be actually in session.

The vote by which the bill providing for a new Penitentiary at Anamosa was lost was reconsidered, and the bill passed by a vote of 61 to 52.

The vote by which the bill for the Soldiers' Relief was reconsidered, and the bill was lost upon its passage, not receiving a constitutional majority.

The report of the Committee of Conference touching the disagreement on the bill allowing townships a high compliment a tax of 2 per cent in aid of railroads, was concurred in.

The bill to permanently locate the Reform School was lost, not receiving a constitutional majority.

The bill passed in relation to the State Library and the duties of the State Librarian. The bill places the library under the supervision of the Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Supreme Judges. The salary of the Librarian is fixed at $1,500, and $1,000 is annually appropriated to be used in the purchase of books. It provides that the library shall be kept open every day during the sessions of the General Assembly and Supreme Court.

The bill allowing townships to transfer one tax voted in aid of railroads to the purpose of making the road for which the tax was originally voted is not completed within a specified time, was passed.

The bill to promote water power improvements passed. The bill is designed to allow canals for the purpose of the carrying of water along the Mississippi River for the running of mills, and providing for securing the right of way to effect such improvements. By this means it would be possible to utilize the great power in the interest of cotton factories and other mills, the erection of which is already projected.

The bill passed providing for the building of bridges by counties, at a cost not to exceed $25,000.

Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., April 11.—The Senate met Philip H. Emerson, President *pro tem.*, presiding. Hastings, part of 6 Senators, and 31 members present. The rules for the trial of the impeachment of Charles A. Edmonds, the Commissioner of the State Land Office, were adopted. At 4 o'clock the President declared the Senate adjourned without day, being immediately sworn by the Secretary, to act as Sergeant-at-arms to the Senators as members of the Court. A recess was taken till 7 o'clock. At 7 o'clock the managers will appear at the bar of the Senate, and submit eleven articles of impeachment, charging Commissioner Edmonds with fraudulently withholding from trade, and illegally speculating in, and defrauding honest citizens, conspiring with divers other to take improper advantages of said corporations, speculating in the sale of said scrip, keeping dissolute and corrupt company, misspending money received for lands in his charge, and using the name of the Governor to forge, publishing and mailing obscene print, drunkenness, and adultery.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 11.—In the House today, the Senate bill to fix the time of electing delegates to the Constitutional Convention in April, 1873, failed to pass for want of a Constitutional majority, lacking five votes. As this vote was reconsidered, it is probable the bill will pass next week. The convention delegates will be elected at the fall election only for the time they were actually in session. Pending the discussion the Senate adjourned, but the bill will probably pass the Senate, the House having passed it to-day.

Bills passed to-day legalizing the acts of the Auditor of Cedar County; legalizing the levy of taxes in Emmet County for the construction of bridges, and legalizing the amended articles of incorporation of the Burlington & Southwestern Railway Company.

After a lengthy discussion, the House passed a concurrent resolution, that this General Assembly will adjourn on the 23d day of April to the third Wednesday in January, 1873. The resolution provides that nothing shall be considered at the adjourned session, and no bills passed except the code, except by unanimous consent. No mileage shall be allowed members at such adjourned session. No per diem shall be allowed members at such adjourned session, except for the time actually in the session. The General Assembly shall be actually in session.

The vote by which the bill providing for a new Penitentiary at Anamosa was lost was reconsidered, and the bill passed by a vote of 61 to 52.

The vote by which the bill for the Soldiers' Relief was reconsidered, and the bill was lost upon its passage, not receiving a constitutional majority.

The report of the Committee of Conference touching the disagreement on the bill allowing townships a high compliment a tax of 2 per cent in aid of railroads, was concurred in.

The bill to permanently locate the Reform School was lost, not receiving a constitutional majority.

The bill passed in relation to the State Library and the duties of the State Librarian. The bill places the library under the supervision of the Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Supreme Judges. The salary of the Librarian is fixed at $1,500, and $1,000 is annually appropriated to be used in the purchase of books. It provides that the library shall be kept open every day during the sessions of the General Assembly and Supreme Court.

The bill allowing townships to transfer one tax voted in aid of railroads to the purpose of making the road for which the tax was originally voted is not completed within a specified time, was passed.

The bill to promote water power improvements passed. The bill is designed to allow canals for the purpose of the carrying of water along the Mississippi River for the running of mills, and providing for securing the right of way to effect such improvements. By this means it would be possible to utilize the great power in the interest of cotton factories and other mills, the erection of which is already projected.

The bill passed providing for the building of bridges by counties, at a cost not to exceed $25,000.

Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 11.—In the Senate, Mr. Hanna introduced a bill to amend the Revenue law, so as to exempt from taxation all property belonging to the Chicago Relief and Aid Society.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 11.

In the local money market the most prominent feature is the advance in New York exchange from 50c to 60c discount last week, to about 75c per $1,000 premium to-day. This indicates a flow of capital toward New York, but the large shipments of corn from the central part of the State to the Eastern markets now being made, together with the amount of exchange that will soon be made against the grain secured out by the first fleet of vessels, will probably turn exchange in favor of the West again before long.

The Mississippi River is now open from La Crosse to Lake Pepin, and within a week or ten days, boats will probably be running to St. Paul, which will facilitate the movement of the grain in that region also.

Money continues to work close in this market. The stringency in the New York money market still attracts considerable attention here. The investigation of the condition of the Tenth National Bank in connection with the look-up, reported, as we supposed it would, in nothing. It appeared that Henry H. Smith, on the morning of the 8th inst., deposited in the bank between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000 before 10 o'clock. This sum was chiefly made up of brokers' checks upon other city institutions, and they were represented by the Tenth National Bank in its morning exchanges of the same day at the Clearing House. It also appeared that of the above sum deposited, $2,000,000 was paid on a check drawn over the counter of the bank, upon the checks of Henry H. Smith, and $1,000,000 was sent to the Sub-Treasury in payment for gold. There was nothing in all this that could be shown to be illegal, either on the part of Smith or of the bank. And, while it is apparent their intention was to change the money market, it seems scarcely possible to restrain or prevent such schemes by any law that can be enacted.

The effect of the look-up on the prices of stocks, as heretofore made, however, has been insignificant, as will be seen by the following table of prices at 2 o'clock to-day, as compared with prices of one month ago:

	April 11.	March 11.
Western Union	73¾	76¾
Quicksilver	32	31
Pacific Mail	79	74½
Cargo	77	76
Adams	97	98
American	71	71
United States	71	71
Pacific	93	91
N. Y. Central	93½	93
Erie	53½	50
Reading		93
Hudson	110	110
Lake Shore	92	ex. div. 92
Union Pacific	57	57
Pittsburgh	94	94
Rock Island	111	ex. div. 113
Northwestern	79	79
Do. preferred	89	89
St. Paul	59½	59½
Do. preferred	87	87
Bonds of 1881	111	111
5-20s of 1862	111	111
5-20s of 1864	110	110
5-20s of 1865	111	111
5-20s of 1865, new	111	110
5-20s of 1867	112	112
5-20s of 1868	113	113
10-40s	105	105
Currency 6s	118	118
Gold	112	112

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean furnish quotations for Government bonds and local securities, as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6s of '81	116½	116¾
5-20s of '62	113	113½
5-20s of '64	113½	113¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	113½	113¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	113½	113¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	113½	113¾
10-40s	105	105½
United States new 5 per cents	103½	104
United States currency 6's	118½	119
Chicago City 7s		100 and int.
Cook County 7s		100 and int.
Gold certificates	109½	110
Sterling exchange (large drafts)	109½	110½
Gold and gold coupons	109½	110

NEW YORK, April 11.—Gold closed quiet and firm at 112¾@112¾, after having sold at 112¾. Loans were easy, gold to flat for carrying. Clearings, $24,000,000.

Governments quiet and steady.

Stocks opened heavy during the first and second calls sold down 2@3 per cent. In the afternoon there was a very rapid reaction, the heavy feeling fading in the efforts to create a panic by locking up money, which returns here now faster than they can be used. The receipts of gold from the large amounts from out-of-town correspondents, and there promises to be a plethora soon, as it is believed that the heavy shipments will cease before long. Northwestern was the weakest stock, owing to a report that there will be no dividend. It has been paid, but is not ruffled to 89¼. Lake Shore fell to 94¼, and reacted to 96. St. Paul declined to 59¼ and rallied to 59¾. New York Central fell and rallied, and closed at 93¾. Columbus, Chicago, & Indiana Central remains strong, either on large purchases for the Vanderbilt interest, or with a view to the Atlantic & Great Western. There is a large, sharp interest in this stock created since the late rise by parties who claim that it is worthless, and it is predicted that they will be cornered. The market closed strong and active.

Money easy at 6@7 per cent on call. For gold, one bank having loaned $600,000 at the latter rate.

State bonds dull and steady.

Sterling, 109½.

Governments:

Coupon, '81	115½	Coupon, '67	113½
Coupon, '62	113½	Coupon, '68	113
Coupon, '64	113½	10-40s	106½
Coupon, '65	113½	10-40s	106½
Coupon, '65, new	111½	Currency 6s	118
State bonds			
Missouri 6s	93½	Old Virginias	54
Old Tennessees	64½	Old N Carolinas	35
New Tennessees	66½	New N. Carolinas	30
New Virginias	56		

Stocks closed:

Canton	39½	St. Paul	60½
V. U. Telegraph	72½	St. Paul pref'd	89½
Quicksilver	32	Wabash	78½
Adams Express	97	Wabash pref'd	97
Wells & Cargo	79	Fort Wayne	96
American	72½	Terre Haute	34
United States	71	Terre H. pref'd	70
Pacific Mail	83	Chicago & Alton	116
New York Central	93½	C. & A. pref'd	120
N. Y. C. scrip	93½	C. & A. scrip	93½
Erie	53½	C., C. & I. C.	59½
Erie pref'd	79	C., R. & Q.	132
Hudson	110	Chi. & N'western	80
Harlem pref'd	130	Ind Central	91½
Mich. Central	115	Illinois Central	132
Michigan Sou.	93	Peoria & Rock Island	93
Northwestern	80½	Cent. Pacific bonds	101½
N. W. pref'd	90½	Union Pacific bonds	93
Rock Island	111½	D. L. & Western	105
New Jersey Cent.	109½		

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 11.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty four hours:

	Received.		Shipped.	
	1871.	1872	1871.	1872
Flour, brls	12,000	11,231	11,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	1,760	9,655	14,005	109,286
Corn, bu	73,990	47,150	60,317	42,492
Oats, bu	38,040	22,170	29,974	42,263
Rye, bu	130	2,225	1,500	335
Barley, bu	1,500	5,000	9,008	5,000
Grass seed, lbs	53,217	4,466	121,000	
Flax seed, lbs			22,000	
Broom corn, lbs	16,100	8,500		2,000
Dried fruits, lbs	16,000	215,300	522,116	227,200
Beef, brls	35	41		
Pork, brls		1		270
Lard, lbs	34,750	98,010	160,678	36,550
Tallow, lbs	31,100	13,985	4,225	
Butter, lbs	51,292	24,826	16,488	15,940
Cheese, lbs			1,000	
Live hogs, No	8,250	4,386	5,467	1,767
Cattle, No	3,272	1,472	1,845	720
Sheep, No	1,290	1,220	866	
Hides, lbs	96,500	58,371	77,468	97,100
Highwines, brls				
Wool, lbs	23,500	57,240	15,000	22,420
Coal, tons	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lumber, m	1,440	1,677	800	1,705
Shingles, m	1,600	884	1,500	1,444
Lath, m	120		100	100
Salt, brls		67	1,100	

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 1,895 bu oats; 230 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 1 car wheat; 93 cars corn; 2 cars oats; 2 cars rye. Total, 98 cars. Also 10,800 bu No. 2 corn by canal. Total, 80,000 bu.

The leading produce markets were irregular to-day, and only moderately active. The business done was principally speculative. There was little change in prices on grain, though winter stored grain, for delivery this month, was quoted higher; the reason being that the seller takes 3c per bu off the selling price, in order to make it regular.

As there is some discussion on this point, we will state the case: Grain sold as "regular" is delivered subject to a charge of 2c storage, up to the night of the 15th of April. After that time it is delivered subject to a charge of 2c per day (summer rate). In both cases the grain must be in five days to run after delivery, after any additional storage will be charged. Grain delivered to-day will therefore be subject to 4c, which must carry it through to the 15th inst. without extra charge. But another 4c per bu will be charged for storage for any part of the ten days following the 15th. If not moved, it will be reshipped from the selling price. Those sold at 81 72½ per bu, will be paid for with 1.32, and the buyer will pay the 3c, or 4c allowance, to the warehouse man.

To the 15th inst. grain will be delivered subject to storage of 2c, while the storage charges are 3c. The difference of 2c per bu must be deducted from the selling price, and the full storage charge will then be paid by the buyers on taking the grain out of store. In former years the deciding day was 20 per bu accumulated every five days after the 15th of April, but as the 15th carries it ten days, and the grain only needs ten five days to get through, it is

Highwines were quiet and steady, with no signs of weakness, though reported heavy in New York. Sales were reported of 150 brls at 83c per gallon.

Lake freights were quiet and unchanged. For corn by sail vessels was quoted at 3½@4c to Buffalo, 12c to Oswego, and 15c to Kingston. Few shippers were nominally willing to pay 12c, 14c, and 15c, respectively, but nothing was done.

Provisions were irregular, especially on mess pork, which was strong and very active and excited, by turns. There was a good demand for both cash and sales were reported at an advance of 15@25c per brl on Tuesday's prices, with the bear interest "jumped on it" and hammered it down by the sale of 100 brl lots till it said as low as Monday's quotations. The fluctuations of the figures assumed to give the stocks of pork at the principal Western points, has been extremely sensational for so many people claiming that some of the stocks are nearly or quite as large as stated. Lard was quiet; it opened firm, and so ruled for the forenoon, but it finally followed the lead of pork and went down. There has been quite a relative demand for cash lard yesterday, none being offered. There is nearly as much lard as there is pork, but it is nearly all being carried for future delivery on short sales. Meats were in fair demand, and very firmly held, especially on shoulders. The lumber market closed at the following range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller April, $12.00@12.02½; do seller May, $12.50@12.55; do seller June, $12.90@12.95; do seller July, $13.05@13.10. Lard, cash or regular, $8.55; do seller May, $8.65; do seller June, $8.80@8.70; do seller July, $8.90@8.95. Dry salted meats at 4½@4¾c for shoulders, 6c for rough sides; 7½@7¾c for short clear sides, and 6½@6¾c for short clear. Boxed meats ¼@½c higher than above quotations for loose.

Hogs—Packers are buying more freely at 4½@4¾c. Street pickled hams, 8@9c, according to weight. Bacon quoted at 4½c for shoulders; 6½c for short ribs; 7c for short clear, and 10@10½c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.75@9.00 extra mess beef, $10.75@11.00. Beef hams, $18.00@19.00. City tallow, 6c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork, cash or seller June, at $12.25; 1,000 brls do seller May at $12.45; 500 brls do seller July, at $12.97½; 100 brls do, at $13.35; 5 0 brls do, at $12.30; 500 brls do at $12.40; 1,000 brls do at $12.42½; 500 brls do at $12.45; 1,000 brls do at $12.47½; 500 brls do at $12.50; 1,000 brls do at $12.52½; 1,000 brls do at $12.55; 500 brls do at $12.57½; 1,000 brls do at $12.60; 500 brls do at $12.62½; 500 brls do at $12.65; 500 brls do at $12.67½; 1,000 brls do at $12.45; 750 brls do at $12.60; 500 brls do at $12.50; 1,000 brls do at $12.45; 250 brls do, seller May, at $12.40@12.50; 500 brls do, seller June, at $12.60@12.65; 500 brls do, seller July, at 446.

The following were the closing prices on the call at 2½ o'clock:

	Bid.	Asked.
Mess Pork, cash	$12 17½	$12 25
Mess Pork, seller May	12 50	12 55
Mess Pork, seller June	12 72½	12 80
Mess Pork, seller July		12 97½
Lard, cash	8 50	8 55
Lard, seller May	8 47½	8 50
Lard, seller June	8 65	8 70
Wheat, cash	1 29½	1 29½
Wheat, seller last half	1 24	1 24
Wheat, seller May	1 24	1 24½
Wheat, seller June	1 27½	1 27½
Corn, cash	38½	38½
Corn, seller last half	39	39
Corn, seller May	42	42½
Corn, seller May and June	42	42½
Corn, seller June	42½	43
Corn, seller July	45½	44
Corn, seller August	45	45½
Oats, cash	31½	31½
Oats, seller May	34	34½
Oats, seller June	33½	33½

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 11.

BUTTER—The market was steady and firm for choice grades, but dull and easy for ordinary and medium. The supply is liberal and increasing. We quote: Strictly choice dairy, packed, 24@25c; choice to fair roll, 20@23c; common to fair, 14@16c; fair to choice tub and firkin, 16@22c; inferior to common grades, 12@14c.

CHEESE—Prices were steady and uniform. The stocks are full, and all orders are promptly filled at the annexed quotations: Dairy, 12½c; Grahamptons, 37½c; Philadelphia, 37½c; Limburg, 37½c; Lewistons, 37½c; American, 35½c; Royal Rives, 35c; hunters, 34½c; Swiss, 30c; sage, single, 19½@20½c; do double, 28½; wool sacks, 70c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The demand continues active, and a healthy feeling prevails. The stocks are ample in every respect. We quote: Stucco, $2.75; New York stucco, $3.25; Akron, $2.50; superfine do, $4.00@4.25; cement, $1.75; Rosendale cement, $3.00@3.25; marble dust, $3.00; lime in bulk, $1.25; white sand, $2.50; do, $3.50; plastering hair, 5c bu, 85@90c; fire brick, $7 1,000, $16.00@20.00; building brick, $14.00@16.00; fire clay, $6.00@6.50 per brl.

BROOM CORN—The demand was meagre, and prices were almost nominal: Common, at $10.00@90.00 per ton; fair to prime, green stalk, $80.00@120.00; hurl, $140.00@160.00, and brush, $100.00@160.00.

BEANS—We quote as follows: $1.80@1.75 for common; $1.90@2.40 for fair to choice medium, and $2.25@3.50 for navy.

CHEESE—The stock of choice factory cheese is daily diminishing, and holders are demanding and obtaining outside quotations. Common grades are in fair supply, and sell at 11½c in regular prices. We repeat our list, as follows: New York factory, genuine, 20@21c; Western factory, 15@16c; Ohio factory, 12@13c.

COAL—No change was reported in this market. There was a light demand at the following quotations: Lehigh, prepared, $12.00; Lehigh, lump, $12.00; Lackawanna, $12.50; Erie, $10.00; Briar Hill, $10.00; Walnut Hill, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $6.00@7.00; Indiana, $6.00; Hocking Valley, $7.50@8.00; Pittsburg, $9.50@10.50; Minonk, $6.50; Wilmington, $6.00.

COOPERAGE—Trade was active and prices ruled firm as follows: Pork barrels, $1.30@1.40; lard tierces, $1.40@1.60; whiskey barrels, $1.90@2.00; flour barrels, $1.20@1.25; sugar hogsheads, $17.50@20.00 for pork barrels; flour staves, $4.50@9.00; circle flour headings, $2.00 per set. Flour hoop poles, $12.00@16.00 per m; sugar hoops poles, $25.00@26.00 per m; whiskey barrel staves, $22.00@28.00 per m.

EGGS—Were in light demand at 14@15c per doz. The supply is ample.

FISH—Business continues satisfactorily active, and the following prices are being realized: No. 1 whitefish, $5.25@5.50; No. 2 do, $6.00@5.25; No. 1 trout, $6.00@6.25; No. 2 do, $5.00@5.25; No. 1 shore mackerel, $9.75@10.00; No. 2 do, $8.00@8.75; No. 1 Spanish mackerel, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 shore kits, $1.90@2.00; No. 1 bay, $1.50@1.60; family kits, $1.15@1.50; bank cod, $4.25@4.50; George's cod, $5.75@7.00; box herring, No. 1, $6@6½; box herring, scaled, 40@43c; California salmon, half brl, $16.00@18.50.

FRUITS—DRIED—Only a fair movement was witnessed in this department of trade, and values ander rwent no perceptible change, ruling steady, as follows: Dates, 9@10c; figs, drums, 10@11c; do box, 20@22c; Turkey prunes, old, 9@10c; do new, 12@13c; French do, 14@16c; raisins, new, 3½@3¾; blackberries, 12@13c; pitted cherries, 32@33c; peaches, halves, 24@26c; do, quarters, 7@8c; currants, 16@16c; apples, new boxiers, 8@9c; do new Michigan, 10@11c.

GREEN FRUITS—A fairly active business was doing in green fruits to-day, and the market was firmer for most descriptions. There was, however, no quotable change, the following being the ruling prices: Apples, Council Bluffs, $4.00@4.50; crabberries, $9.00@11.50, for wild, and $13.00@14.00 for cultivated; lemons, $6.50@7.00; oranges, Messina, $ box, $5.25@5.50; Palermo, $4.50@5.75.

GROCERIES—There was no "let up" in the demand for groceries; on the contrary, steadily increasing activity is witnessed, and with the stocks full and complete in every department, a most satisfactory business is doing. Country merchants from all parts of the west are daily arriving, and in no former season was the volume of trade as large as at present. Prices rule steady and firm.

COFFEES—Choice Rio, at 23½@25c; prime do at 22@23c; good at 21@22c; common at 20@21c; fair, 19@20c; low grades, 17@18c; Java, 24@27½c; Costa Rica at 24@26c; Maracaibo at 24@26c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 19@19½c; stearine, 19@20c.

RICE—Rangoon, at 7@8c; Carolina, at 9½@9¾c.

SUGARS—Hard sugars, at 12@12½c; A, 11½@11¾c; A, No. 2, at 11½@11¾c; white, standard, XC, at 11@11½c; C, at 11@11½c; choice brown, at 10½@11c; fair do, at 9½@10c; New Orleans do, at 10½@11c; molasses do, at 9@9½c.

SYRUPS—Diamond, at 31 25@1 30; common molasses, at 90@95c; Porto Rico syrups, at 95c@$1; good sugar house syrup, at 60@70c; extra, at 80@90c; silver drips, 75@80c.

SPICES—Allspice, at 15@16c; cloves, at 19@20c; cassia, at 20@23c; pepper, at 21½@22c; nutmegs at $1.20@1.25.

PROVISIONS—Pork mottled, at 6½@6¾c; standard, at 6½@6¾c; German mottled, at 7@7½c; White Lily, at 7½@7¾c; White Label, at 7½@7½c; brown sugar, at 6½@6¾c; palm, at 6½c.

STARCH—Gloss, at 6½@10c; corn, 10@12½c; laundry, at 6½@7c; common, at 5@6½c.

HAY—The demand for pressed timothy hay was again active, and as the available supply was small, prices were firmly held, for fair to choice as to separately high. Prairie was but little offered and was nominally firm. Baled straw inquired for, and being in full supply, former prices were no more than sustained. We quote: Timothy, choice to fancy, $16.00@17.00; fair to good, $14.00@15.00; prairie, pressed, $8.00@10.00; prairie, loose, $13.00@14.00; prairie, baled, $6.00@7.00. Feeding hay, $11.00@12.00, according to quality.

HIDES—Were in good demand and all offered sold readily to buyers at the quoted prices. We repeat our list as follows: Green city butchers', 8½c; green salted, 7½c; light, 12½c; do, heavy, 10½c; part cured, 10@11c; dry flint, 18@19c; dry salted, 13½c; dry salted, slip, 11½c; green calf, 17½c; green city veal, slip, prime, 15c; do calf, 13c; dry salted, 16@17c; dry slip, 24c; dry calf, 26c; dry flint, 19@20c; deacons, 50@55c; grubby, 8c; secured, cut, or damaged, 5@6c; damaged, two-thirds price; branded, 2@3 cents off.

HOPS—The demand was meagre, and prices were subject to the same as noted yesterday.

IRON AND STEEL—The demand continues active, and quotations are firm, as follows:

Horse-shoe bars		6½@6¾
Bar iron	5	@ 5 2-10 rates
Heavy band	5 5-10	@ 5 7-10 rates
Light band	6	@ 6 2-10 rates
Hoop	6	@ 6 2-10 rates
Oval	5 4-10	@ 5 6-10 rates
Round and square	5 4-10	@ 5 6-10 rates
Half oval and half round	5 4-10	@ 5 6-10 rates
Russian iron, perfect	20	rates
Russia, No 1 stained	15	rates
Sheet iron	7	6½ rates
Norway nail rods	8½	9 rates
Best plow steel	10	@12½ rates
Bessemer plow steel	10	@12½ rates
Spring and tire steel	10	@11 rates

LEATHER—Prices and firmness are still the distinguishing features of the leather market. There is a large demand on interior account, as well as from the local trade, and the quoted prices are being firmly adhered to all around:

HEMLOCK.	
City harness	$ @ 40
Country harness	@ 37
Line city, ♥ lb	@ 45
Slip, ♥ lb	@ 45
Kip, veals	@ 1.15
City upper No. 1, ♥ ft	@ 37
City upper No. 2, ♥ ft	@ 32
Country upper, No. 1	@ 28
Collar, ♥ ft	@ 25
Calf, No. 1, ♥ ft	@ 1.45
Calf, country	@ 1.35
Rough upper, 11 to 12 lbs	@ 30
Rough upper, 13 to 14 lbs	@ 28
Rough upper, damaged	@ 30
Buffalo slaughter sole, best	@ 35
Buffalo slaughter sole, second	@ 30
"B A" sole	@ 33
OAK.	
Calf	@ 1.30
Kip, No. 1, medium	@ 1.00
Kip, No. 2, heavy	@ .85
Harness	@ .40
French calf, Jodot	@ 1.25
French calf, Lamotte	@ 1.00
French calf, 54 to 36 lbs	@ 1.20
French calf, 38 to 32 lbs	@ 1.10
French calf, 30 to 28 lbs	@ 1.00
French kip, 40 to 100 lbs	@ 1.00

METALS AND TINNERS' STOCK—Dealers report a good demand, and prices ruled firm, as follows:

TIN PLATE—IC, 10x14, $16.00; do 14x18, $16.50; do 14x20, $17.00; do roofing, IC, $15.50.

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SOME OF PRESIDENT GRANT'S MISTAKES.

The dullest-eyed are beginning to see and confess that the Cincinnati Convention is rising into a national movement unsurpassed in importance since the Chicago Convention of 1860. The prestige of numbers and of well-known names combines with the enthusiasm which always accompanies a reformatory and aggressive policy, to give universal interest to the developing movement of the Liberal Republicans. The Republicans who oppose it or stand neutral are generally inquiring rather than objecting. Many of them cannot understand why an Administration which they think aptly characterized by the New York *Independent*, a year ago, as "too good to be bad and too bad to be good," should arouse such deep and general dissatisfaction. What great mistakes, they ask, has President Grant made, which indicate that his re-election would be inexpedient? To this it might be answered, that a President is presumed to work to the end of his terms, unless some good reason exists for making him an exception to the rule. But in the present case the indications that a new selection will be made by the people next November arise from two abundant and positive causes, viz.: *First*, President Grant's mistakes in statesmanship, amounting to a painful lack of that primary requisite; and, *secondly*, the forward movement or tide of political progress, which, in the space of four years, since Grant's last nomination, has buried the issues on which he was elected and brought forward new ones, upon which only the Liberal wing of the Republican party is prepared to act. The President's mistakes may be summed up in the kindest phrase, and without one word of personal reproach, under the following heads, which, taken together, account for the Cincinnati Convention:

I. His disregard of the just claims of Republican leaders of wisdom and judgment to be consulted as such in the selection of his Cabinet and of the chief diplomatic and civil appointments. A party, unlike an army, acknowledges no one *sole* leader. Its own President forfeits his leadership if he fails to co-operate and harmonize with his party. In selecting his Cabinet without consultation even with Republicans who stood so near to him as Rawlins and Washburne, he pursued a military and not a statesmanlike policy. In excluding from the Cabinet every first-class statesman who might have been named for it, and in appointing its members exclusively with a view to secure men who had been useful to himself, he again followed a military, not a statesmanlike, policy. At that time the statesmen whose experience and character secured to the country to fit them for the constitutional advisers of the President would have been Sumner, Wilson, or Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Fessenden, of Maine; Greeley, Fenton, Geo. W. Curtis, or Conkling, of New York; Curtin, of Pennsylvania; Sherman, of Ohio; Judge Trumbull or General Palmer, of Illinois; and the like. None of these were named, though the urgent demand of Congressmen at last induced the reluctant appointment of Boutwell, who, though narrow and ignorant of finance as a specialty, has still been the only Cabinet officer who has had any positive influence whatever. It is safe to say that, had the Cabinet been a strong one, and had he followed its counsels, general amnesty would have been accomplished, and the harmony of the Southern people with the nation restored; no San Domingo job or sale of arms to France would have been heard of; no Motleys, or Jasens, or Grinnells would have been removed to punish recalcitrant Senators; and no necessity would have arisen for any whipping of office-holders in the effort to renominate Grant. But a General who had never held a civil office made a profound mistake when he rejected all statesmen from his Cabinet.

II. The San Domingo blunder comes next. It was chiefly important for the lack of statesmanship which inspired the President to regard every one who opposed it as his personal enemy, and, by punishing him as such, to make him at last an enemy in all sincerity and bitterness. No President who had had experience in civil life would have committed this blunder. It was the spirit of an obstinate soldier, not of a statesman.

III. About thirty-three out of the fifty thousand appointments made by President Grant and his subordinates were given to family friends and relatives. Some of them are doubtless improper and indecorous, but we never have thought this error of the President one of great magnitude. It was out of taste, and, in connection with other things, showed that the President looked upon the Presidency as a perquisite rather than a trust; but the people would have found little fault with the Caseys, and Sharpes, and Hudsons, and Cramers, if other troubles had not come at the same time.

IV. The creation of a Military Ring, or Kitchen Cabinet, under the eaves of the White House, with a branch in the New York Custom House, managed by Murphy, and affording sustenance to Leet and Stocking, as Presidential pets, with Ingalls always a little way in the distance, is not so harmless a fact. It is hard for a President to be damned by his friends, to whose importunities he has yielded, with the intent to relieve their impecuniosity and make everybody happy around him. The motives of the Chief Magistrate were, doubtless, merely generous; but, the money which he gave being that of the New York merchants, and being in the nature of an additional tax on commerce not found in any act of Congress, the affair amounts to a stench. Every person who desires General Grant's renomination must regret that he still carries Leet and Stocking as complacently as if he thought the burden a light one.

V. The use of the appointing and removing power to coerce Congress and the people into assenting to any and all his previous blunders without objection, is the most unwise and unstatesmanlike of the President's mistakes. Mosby, a brilliant historian and accomplished diplomat, removed to punish Sumner; Grinnell, a reputable and able Collector of Customs, removed to punish Greeley; a score of officers in Missouri removed to punish Carl Schurz; and the whole batch of Southern appointments held in *terrorem* to coerce the carpet-bag Senators to depose Sumner, show wherein the spirit of despotism is fatal to true statesmanship. No Government could remain free whose legislators did not resent and punish such dictation.

VI. A few of our Presidents, like Tyler and Andrew Johnson, have maintained a Kitchen Cabinet of Privy Councillors, whose names were never sent to the Senate for confirmation, and have consulted them, in a back-stairs way, upon those leading points of domestic policy which the Constitution assumes should be decided by the Cabinet. But the experiment has never yet succeeded. When our President had made up a Cabinet solely out of the circle of his drawing-room friends, and with reference to enjoyment rather than statesmanship, it seems superfluous to run a "wheel within this wheel," whose spokes should be Morton, Cameron, Porter, and Murphy. Perhaps we need not argue that this was unstatesmanlike.

VII. Forth from this Kitchen Cabinet have gone those humiliating efforts to control State politics in various States, especially in New York, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Missouri, and, finally, in Illinois, which have done no good and much harm.

And the Administration has accordingly, it ought to have kept abreast of the country's political progress. The people have no car of Juggernaut to all who would hold them back. One of the chief points to be settled in this campaign is, that the war is absolutely over, and that henceforth the Government is to treat all citizens who have not been hanged, alike, recognising citizens in all, and enemies in none except those who make themselves such. The Philadelphia Convention will try rather to revive the war than to end it. Hence neither Amnesty nor Reform lies in that direction. These are the facts which have given birth to the Liberal Republican movement. If wisely led, it will combine public wants of such exigency, and public men of such power, that no human power can prevent its making the next President.

MR. BEECHER ON THE STUMP.

The New York office-holders, in their sore straits, have finally induced Henry Ward Beecher to come down out of his pulpit and ascend the political rostrum, merely in behalf of a candidate for office,—the first instance of the kind, we believe, in the political history of the country. Clergymen have many times made political addresses in opposition to great public abuses, and in favor of the adoption of reforms which had a decided moral bearing, but Mr. Beecher is the first clergyman in our remembrance who has taken the stump for the purpose of directly advocating the nomination of a certain individual, and done so at the request of office-holders and party-managers. Mr. Beecher's discoveries in theology have long since ceased to surprise any one. Professedly a Congregationalist, with the blood of the Puritans in his veins, he has coolly exploded the reality of hell and the existence of a personal devil, has welcomed the Unitarians to his arms, and the other day took up a collection for the support of a Universalist clergyman. These theological eccentricities have created no excitement. It is not probable, however, that this New Departure in ministerial duties will pass by without comment. It marks a distinct era in the practice and teaching of religion as a profession, and the speech of Mr. Beecher, therefore, calls for examination, both as to its matter and manner.

First, as to the matter. The substance of Mr. Beecher's speech shows that, however much he may excel as orator, theologian, horticulturist, contributor to Bonner's *Ledger*, lecturer, and Star-paper writer, as a politician he is not a success. He was called upon to make a speech in the interests of General Grant, and the office-holders went to hear him, expecting not only that his great ability would be able to discover some valid reason why General Grant should be nominated, but that his eloquence would be attended with numerous conversions of Liberal Republicans, who would be drawn to hear him out of curiosity. The result, however, was a disappointment. Mr. Beecher's speech was not available for current uses, neither will the New York office-holders care to use it as a campaign document next fall, notwithstanding Mr. Beecher's widespread reputation and popular acquaintance, and the influence he may be presumed to exert upon religious people. Even the highly-dramatic dodge of waving flags and banners descending from the flies of the theatre, and, "music by the band," could not cover up Mr. Beecher's failure to meet the expectations of the office-holders. Called to the stump to speak for Grant, Mr. Beecher neither said one thing nor the other, but, rowing with one hand and backing water with the other, of course remained stationary. The most uncertain politician in the world was never more completely on the fence than the orator of the evening. One can imagine the dismay of Bowen and his followers at being informed that possibly the Democracy might go through the Cincinnati Convention and come out good Republicans; that there was an existing cause for the demand for reform and progress; that maybe Mr. Sumner was the Moses to lead us into the land of promise; and that he was fully convinced that Mr. Schurz was an honest man, and Mr. Trumbull also. The substance of Mr. Beecher's indorsement of Grant was contained in a paraphrase of Mr. Lincoln's epigram: "The new horse may have shyings and runaways; so let's take the old horse again,"—the logic of which is more applicable to theology than to politics. If the new horse may have shyings and runaways now, the new horse will be just as liable to have them four years from now, and four years after that, and so on to the end of the chapter. It will be remembered that, in 1866, Mr. Beecher was invited to act as chaplain of the Cleveland Soldiers' and Sailors' Convention, which was held in the interests of Mr. A. Johnson, just prior to his famous Swing round the Circle. His engagements preventing this, he wrote a letter, in which he indorsed Johnson and My Policy. It may have been a remembrance of that letter which made him cautious at the New York meeting and desirous to keep on both sides of the fence; but, however that may be, his political failure is none the less apparent.

Second. The manner of Mr. Beecher's address is singularly wanting in propriety. The primary duty of the minister is to teach men religious truths, and fit them to lead exemplary lives. In the puranance of those duties, it may now and then be incumbent upon him to meet and do battle with great moral wrongs and political abuses, and it may so happen that he cannot do this without going into the political camp, and among the world's people, to deal his blows. Any abuse which threatens the public morality, or tends to demoralize the nation, necessarily undermines religious progress, and the minister is justified in mounting the political or any other stage where he can more directly and effectively battle against the abuse. Mr. Beecher has done this very often, and with credit to himself. Before and during the war he dealt sturdy blows against slavery and other national crimes. He has spoken many times, powerfully and eloquently, against frauds and corruptions nowhere so glaring as in New York, and has often warned his hearers against the dangerous temptations of Mammon in that city, which have produced such men as FISK, Gould, and Tweed. In all this he was clearly in the line of his duty. Wherever a right principle is endangered, and whenever morality and religion are threatened by political or commercial abuses, the minister should take his stand, fearlessly and firmly. But no such necessity existed for his appearance at the New York office-holders' meeting. No question of public morality was involved in it. No principle of any description was presented for advocacy or rejection. The meeting was called by office-holders, under the leadership of Mr. Bowen, himself unpleasantly connected with political corruptions, for the express purpose of advocating the nomination of General Grant at the Philadelphia Convention, and, in presenting himself at that meeting, Mr. Beecher only compromised his sacred position. No minister of the Gospel has the right to allow himself to be used as a tool by political managers, or to abuse his high calling to purely partisan purposes, where no moral or religious question is at issue.

The Pope has written a letter in which he explains his relations to the Society of Jesus, in which he says that, though he often applies to the fathers of that body, and entrusts them with various interests, especially those pertaining to the ministry, this attachment to the Order has none of that servility attributed to him by the scoffers and enemies of the Church.

When the Kingdom of Italy took possession of the Papal States, it was contracted with the people of Rome that the Government would annually appropriate for the support of the Papal Government the same amount which had been given for that purpose under the old Government. It seems, however, that the Pope has recently declined receiving this grant from the Italian Government. Under the Papal Government the revenue of the States was largely deficient each year, and this deficiency was added to the debt of the States. The Government was only able to live upon the contributions of the outer world. The Italian Government assumed the entire Papal debt, and, in lieu of the wholly insufficient revenues, granted a fixed sum annually. This is what the Pope has declined to receive. As the Papal Government is a very expensive one, the civil list being enormous, it is possible that the Jesuit Order, which is a very rich one, has undertaken to support the Pope and his officers, and thus enable him to reject the official grants made by the Kingdom of Italy. If this be the case, the Jesuits, therefore, will be the collectors from the faithful of the means to supply the Church Government in Rome with revenue to meet its expenditures.

POLITICS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The troubles among the party politicians in Pennsylvania are growing serious. The coming campaign is an important one. Simon Cameron's term in the Senate expires in March next, and the Legislature to be elected this fall will have to choose his successor. Simon is a candidate for re-election, and that is to be one issue before the people this year. The assumed nomination of General Grant by the Philadelphia Convention is extremely distasteful to a very large body of Republicans in Pennsylvania. Cameron's candidate for Governor, General J. F. Hartranft, is so objectionable that even the Philadelphia *Press* declares him to be unfit for the office. The reform movement, begun in Philadelphia a year ago, has attracted the support of thousands of citizens who have hitherto been quiet and submissive voters for whoever was nominated. The inquiry whether a man nominated for an office is a suitable person, or whether he is the best candidate in the field, is very demoralizing to the managers of party conventions. The declared refusal of so many people to support a nominee unless he is competent, or in case a better man be presented, destroys all the plans and arrangements of those who trade in nominations. The coming campaign in Pennsylvania, therefore, is already beset with difficulties. The ticket of Grant, Cameron, and Hartranft is a perilous one. Against each of them there is a strong opposition within the Republican party, and an opposition by a class of voters who cannot be cajoled into voting for them by cries of Jeff. Davis, Ku-Klux, or Rebels-in-arms. The Liberal Republicans of Pennsylvania propose to nominate Colonel McClure for Governor. The candidates put in nomination by the Cincinnati movement will include men acceptable to Republican Pennsylvania; and this Liberal ticket, opposing Grant, Cameron, and Hartranft, will probably sweep the State by a very large majority. Politicians who think that office-holders represent public sentiment will discover their mistake. Since 1868, there has not been an election in any part of the country, where the means and the opportunity have been placed within the reach of the people, that the great bulk of men of all parties have not come together and overthrown all the nominations and rings of party managers, Republican and Democratic. If any person supposes that the American people in 1872 will elect a Presidential ticket simply because it was nominated by a particular body of men at a particular place, unless it be to escape a greater calamity, such person has but little knowledge of the intelligence and the independence of the men who compose the Republican party.

That those who think the party strength in Pennsylvania is sufficient to counteract all defection and able to carry any ticket that may be nominated, we invite attention to the vote of 1868. At that election, the popular vote was: for Grant, 342,280; for Seymour, 313,382; total vote, 655,662.; Grant's majority, 28,898. The majority of the Republican party was equal to 4½ per cent of the whole vote of the State. It required a change of only 14,500 votes from one side to the other to have changed the result. That was the vote of the State against Seymour and Frank Blair. If it required only a change of 4½ per cent of the Republican vote to have elected Frank Blair, with his Brodhead letter, over General Grant, fresh from the head of a successful army, how much less will be the change required when the opposing candidate is Trumbull and Curtin, or Davis and Brown, or Adams, or some other ticket composed of well-known Republicans hostile to, and opposed by, the Leets, Stockings, Murphys, and other civil and military plunderers of the country.

As in Pennsylvania, so in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and other States; and the perversity and obstinacy which are forcing the Republicans of the country to preserve the principles of true Government, by opposing nominations forced upon them, may expect that defeat which the people never fail in inflicting upon corruption and incompetency whenever they can reach them.

LONGSTREET.

The office-holders' organs are copying, with approving comments, the letter of General Longstreet announcing his intention to support Grant in the coming campaign. The same newspapers are declaring that the Cincinnati Convention is a Democratic caucus in disguise, and that nobody will attend it except those who are Democrats at heart, however eminent their services in the Republican party may have been.

James Longstreet is the most celebrated officer of the Rebel armies now living. After Lee and Jackson, his name carried more terror to Northern hearts and homes than any other. The soil of Virginia and Maryland is enriched with the blood of more Union soldiers slain by him than by any other living man. He was educated at the public expense at West Point, was an officer of the regular army, and had taken the usual number of oaths to bear true allegiance to the United States. Yet, from the first battle of Bull Run to the last shot at Appomattox Court House, we found him upholding the cause of the Rebellion with his blood—and with ours. No battle of any magnitude fought by the Army of Northern Virginia can be named in which Longstreet was not prominent, eminent, sanguinary.

One of the first acts of President Grant was to appoint Longstreet to the second office in his gift in the Southern States—that of Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans. We are not criticising this act. Believing, as we do, that the Government owed a halter, or general amnesty, to every leading Rebel, and that the latter was preferable to the former, we were inclined to approve of Longstreet's appointment at the time it was made. We certainly thought it more admirable than the appointment of Casey as Collector at New Orleans. While not forgetting the heroism or the sacrifices of the war, we thought the sooner the enmities were buried in oblivion the better. And, lest some sneaking newspaper, of the office-holding sort, shall charge that we are attacking Longstreet seven years after the close of the war, we say that we think so still. We think that his appointment was more creditable than the average of appointments made in Louisiana, and the South generally.

The point that we intend to make is, that it will not do, in the face of these facts, to charge that those who attend the Cincinnati Convention are Democrats, Copperheads, and Rebels in disguise. Longstreet is not in disguise,—that's certain. When he hurled shot and shell through the Union ranks at Gettysburg, he was not in disguise. When he was appointed Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, he was not in disguise. When he wrote his recent letter, he was not in disguise. When the Philadelphia Convention meets, he will not be in disguise. If there is any advantage, in a party point of view, in having an undisguised Confederate General on one's side in preference to Charles Sumner, or Lyman Trumbull, or (coming a little nearer home) Jesse K. Dubois, or Gustavus Koerner, the office-holders can make the most of it.

Mr. Peters, of Maine, has offered resolutions in Congress looking to the withdrawal of the claims for all indirect damages in the case of the Alabama depredations. It is objected to these resolutions, that the claims for actual damages are held by persons who have bought them, and who do not want to have their chances of recovery endangered or postponed by a controversy in which they are not interested. This statement, if true, as it probably is, furnishes complete reasons why the claim for indirect damages should be abandoned. Great Britain has acknowledged her wrong and has apologized therefor; that is all that the United States can ask from her. She has expressed a willingness to pay all the actual damages caused by the Alabama. That is all that any citizen has a right to ask. The Government of the United States being satisfied, who else than the actual sufferers have any right to complain? The fact that the Alabama claims have passed from the original sufferers to assignees can make no difference. They represent the sufferers, and are the only parties in interest, and when they say they want only what is due them, and what England is willing to pay, it is unadulterated officiousness for others to insist upon something additional, and which is preposterous and absurd.

If the Senate persists in its reference of the House message on the Tariff bill to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, it is evident that the investigation into the charges against Pomeroy and Caldwell will be indefinitely delayed. Under these circumstances, every day that passes before the accused ask for a Special Committee must delay their vindication, and leaves them under the imputation of having been elected by bribery. The charges are not made by a newspaper of doubtful reputation, or by an unauthorized body of men, or by disappointed and hostile men. The body which elected them, and which is now largely composed of their friends, has been forced, by overwhelming proof, into a declaration of their unworthiness. The Vice President and the two Senators have received official copies of the charges and the testimony. A number of witnesses are waiting in Washington. An investigation has never been more imperatively demanded. Will Pomeroy and Caldwell persist longer in their folly of trying to shun the putting of their guilt or innocence to the proof?

Colonel Fred. Hecker, the well-known German orator, will address the Germans of Chicago, in pursuance of their invitation, upon political topics, including the Cincinnati Convention, at Turner Hall, on Twelfth street, next Monday evening. Colonel Hecker's abilities, both as an orator and political debater, will call out an immense audience of his countrymen, who will be anxious to hear his opinions upon the merits of parties in the coming Presidential campaign.

The universal remark of the old Persian poet, Saadi, whenever any unusual event was mentioned, was the question: Who was the woman? The woman at the bottom of the French arms business has at last been reached, and, after considerable mysterious dodging about, has finally consented to appear as a witness before the Investigating Committee, on Monday next, when she will tell what she knows about Remington rifles, Gatling guns, and General Ingalls.

For some time after its foundation, the Oneida Community held substantially the same views as the Shakers on the propriety of bringing children into the world, but a few years since they changed their belief and engaged in what they were pleased to term "stirpiculture on scientific principles." That these principles are well based may be inferred from the fact that for two years, only one child of the Community under the age of 5 has died. Considering that three-fifths of all persons born die before reaching that age, this is a matter of just pride at Oneida, but the attempt to account for it by the social principles there followed seems wholly unwarranted by fact. All the chief causes of infant mortality—over-crowding, want of light and fresh air and unwholesome food, and exposure to contagious diseases—are entirely removed by the situation of the Community in the country and its abundant wealth. It is possible that the rigorous supervision of the relations of the sexes may insure a higher standard of bodily vigor at birth, but mental and emotional vigor, both far more important, must be stunted and dwarfed by the shamelessly immoral "morality" of Oneida.

The idea of a past age, about the inability of the Ethiop to change his skin, is no longer worthy of credence. A Tennessee philanthropist has invented a process which is warranted to transform the blackest son of Africa into a tolerable Caucasian. The candidate will first be subjected to a bath of alkaline water. Having been well cleansed, he is placed in a room where a reliable thermometer indicates 120 degrees Fahrenheit. After fifteen minutes' baking, the partially-cooked victim is conducted to a bath of chlorine water, at the ordinary temperature. While in this bath, which is opened to all comers, the pores, so that the chlorine flows in and reaches the coloring matter. To keep it in, the pores must be closed. To close the pores, the subject is introduced into an ice-cellar, where he spends ten minutes of absolute agony, but relative bliss, for the next step is to drop his exhausted form into water, heated to 180 degrees. In this, the pores open, and chlorine grapples the coloring matter, and departs with it, and our colored brother is colored no more. At least this is the theory. As all persons experimented upon have died before reaching the final bath, the practical value of the process is not known.

The Suez Canal is not a financial success, and there has been a stormy meeting of the shareholders in Paris. M. de Lesseps narrowly escaped a vote of condemnation. Though the canal is owned by the French, it is used mainly by British merchants, and, were it not for the intervention of one of these, it is possible Lesseps would have been expelled the management. It was voted to increase the tonnage duty to be paid by vessels passing through the canal. But even this was hardly necessary to secure the work from its financial difficulties. If the tonnage duty be raised too high, then the trade that does use the canal will abandon it; and, at the present rates, the receipts are not equal to the cost of maintenance and the interest on the investment. Great Britain is more interested in the work than France, though it is governed by a French Directory.

Hamburg is to suffer a curious punishment for its contributions to the victory of Germany over France. There are, in its environs, some magnificent gardens, which have always been open to the public, but which are owned by a Frenchwoman, Madame Cecile Heine, a near relative of the famous German poet, Heinrich Heine. She has ordered the utter destruction of flowers, and shrubs, and trees, and artificial adornments, so that her property may never again be "trodden by a German foot," but may, by its dreary desolation, remind Germany of the waste places of France, and, let us add, of the spiteful revenge of a foolish woman. Great indignation is felt in Hamburg, but the law of the case is undoubtedly on the side of Madame Heine, and her orders are to be carried into effect at once.

At the time of the Nullification excitement in South Carolina, John C. Calhoun proposed that the Constitution should be so amended that there should be two Presidents,—one from the slave States and one from the free,—and that no act of Congress should be binding unless approved by both. The proposition fell unheeded, but seems to have suggested the project, urged a few years since, of a Vice President from each State; and this idea, in turn, appears to be reviving, for State after State calls its Conventions, goes through the stereotyped office-holders' programme, and tacks thereon an indorsement of some one of its prominent men for the Vice Presidency. If this sort of thing goes on much longer candidates for that office will be as numerous as Brigadiers during the Civil War.

A bill is pending before Congress to incorporate the "Pneumatic Tube Road Company," which proposes to construct such a road from New York to New Orleans. As the incorporators number among them several well-known lobbyists, and as the proposed charter grants many privileges and promises no return therefor, it is probable that this particular scheme will be negatived. If it could be entrusted to capable hands, great good might result. London, Paris, and Berlin have pneumatic despatch tubes for the transmission of parcels, etc., and New York has an incomplete pneumatic railway. It requires but little more trial to devise a system of sending men and women as speedily and safely as we can now send parcels; and its success will revolutionize travel far more thoroughly than did the introduction of the railway.

The Committee of the French Academy of Fine Arts has refused to give a place in its annual exhibition of pictures to one painted by Gustave Courbet while confined under sentence of death for complicity with the Commune. The reason for the rejection is not the badness of the work of art,—its goodness is proclaimed by the Parisian critics,—but the badness of the artist. This decision is one of those displays of infinitely petty spite of which only the French seem capable. Every picture painted or statue carved by heretics in religion or government were destroyed, the art-galleries of Paris, and Berlin, and London, and Madrid would be robbed of their choicest treasures.

The Washington correspondent of the Boston *Globe*, in a recent letter to that paper on Indian affairs, furnishes some very interesting statistics relative to the Indian population of the United States. The total number of reservations is 67; organized tribes and bands, 191; total population, 343,102, which includes the 75,000 Indians in Alaska; area occupied by them, in acres, 139,301,402. The total annual cost of the Indian Service proper is about $5,000,000. The proportion of this amount required to meet treaty obligations is $2,500,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Annual Report of Chief Marshal R. A. Williams.

The Department, as Now Organized, in a High State of Efficiency.

Sixteen Engines, 201 Men, and 87 Horses Doing Duty.

"Official" History of the Great Conflagration.

Total Loss Estimated at $190,526,500 ---Insurance, $90,000,000.

Yearly Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Valuable Suggestions and Recommendations.

Routine Business.

A regular meeting of the Board of Police was held yesterday afternoon, President Talcott in the Chair, and Commissioners Rehm and Sheridan in attendance.

A proposition was received from the Northwestern Rubber Company to furnish hose for the Fire Department, and a trial of the hose was promised.

The resignation of Mr. F. Hendrickson, stoker of the Long John, was received and accepted.

Joseph Burkhart, pipeman of the J. B. Rice, was charged with violation of Section 3, Chapter 5, of the rules and regulations of the Fire Department, to-wit: Gross carelessness, resulting in injury to a member of the Department. Richard Fitzgerald, pipeman of engine No. 10, who was thrown from his seat and had an arm broken. The charges were dismissed.

Levi J. Forester, engineer of the J. B. Rice, was charged with neglect of duty in failing to wash out his boiler. On the recommendation of President Talcott, the charges were dismissed, with a reprimand from the Board, and a warning against like neglect in the future.

Geo. Houser, driver of the J. B. Rice, and Nicholas Lewis, fireman of Hook and Ecouony No. 4 were both charged with careless driving. The charges were dismissed, with a warning to keep a sharp lookout hereafter.

Fire Marshal Williams presented a communication setting forth the fact that during Wednesday night his office in the City Hall building had been feloniously entered by some person or persons unknown, who had ransacked his papers, and desiring that the Board take some action in the premises.

It should be stated that the party feloniously entering the Marshal's office was an *interloper*, a reporter, who, being in the habit of using the wooden partition and helped himself, and, with characteristic judgment and discrimination, took only those portions of the records of the Marshal's were utterly uninteresting and worthless for general publication, omitting all those features of the document which will be found in to-day's TRIBUNE.

The communication was referred to the Superintendent of Police, with instructions to investigate the matter thoroughly. President Talcott registering a mighty vow to forever exclude from the meetings of the Board any reporter who was guilty of the burglary in question.

Various bids were received from parties desirous of erecting a fire alarm tower on the proposed new house of the J. B. Rice, and were referred to the Comptroller.

The names of thirty applicants for positions in the Fire Department were taken and entered upon the books, pending vacancies.

Fire Marshal's Report.

Fire Marshal Williams presented the annual report of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1872, embracing a detailed statement of the condition of all the apparatus and houses in use, together with a list of fires, loss and insurance on the same, with the cause so far as could be ascertained. Owing to the loss of nearly all the Department records and statistics by the fire of Oct. 9, 1871, the Marshal is unable to present an accurate and detailed account of the working of the Department throughout the year, but from records and statements collected since that time the report has been made as complete as circumstances would admit of.

THE EFFECTIVE FORCE

of the Department consists of 201 men, including officers, fire wardens, and members of the fire alarm telegraph corps. The apparatus in use is divided as follows: Sixteen regular steam fire engines, with an attending hose-cart to each; one relief engine; four hook and ladder trucks; two hose elevators; six supply hose-carts; four fuel wagons; two telegraph repair wagons; two canvas carts, and one supply truck. The total value of property in use, including real estate, buildings, and apparatus, is estimated at $651,-052 95.

FIRES DURING THE YEAR.

The total number of fires occurring within the year was 468, a decrease of 180 from the number last year. The number of fires during the first six months and six days of the fiscal year, (up to October 7,) was 288, an average of nearly 2 daily, which, if continued throughout the year, would make over 700. During the six days previous to the great fire of October 8, the Department responded to 27 alarms, and had worked at 24 fires, being at the rate of nearly 5 in every 24 hours. These continued on the 7th of October, the great conflagration known as the "Saturday night fire," which required the services of a great portion of the apparatus for over 36 hours. This fire was finally extinguished through great exertions of the officers and members of the Department, and was probably the most extensive conflagration of modern times. The

CHICAGO UNDER SHERIDAN.

The Council Finance Committee and the Military Occupation of the City.

Consideration of the Demand of the Volunteers for Pay for Their Services.

Important and Interesting Testimony Concerning the Employment of Troops After the Fire.

What Occurred at the Meeting of General Sheridan and the City Government.

Probability that the Private Soldiers Will Receive $1 a Day for Each Day's Service.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council met in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon, to consider the claims for remuneration by persons who served as soldiers immediately subsequent to the fire. There were present of the committee, Aldermen Bateham, Otis, and Throop; also ex-Police Commissioners Brown and Good, ex-Mayor Mason, General Sheridan, of the First Illinois National Guard; Colonel Frank Sherman, Corporation Counsel Tuley, the Superintendent of Police, and ex-Controller Taylor.

Alderman Bateham said that the Committee were to determine, first, whether the claimants were to remunerated or not. Over six hundred persons claimed pay for serving twelve days, and $7,200 or $8,000 would be required if it was decided to pay them for their time. There were also demands who acted as special policemen that should come in if the claims of the soldiers were allowed.

Colonel Sherman was called upon for a statement of what he knew. He said the men served for three or four days. They were not sworn in as a special police force, but took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Illinois, and to obey all lawful orders given by the officers commanding them. The form of oath was the same as that administered to soldiers in the regular army. It was understood that they were to act in connection with the police force. They were posted in different parts of the city as fast as they were ordered in. Certain districts were assigned to certain companies. The Fifteenth Regiment did not arrive here until Wednesday, and were then quartered by order of General Sheridan with Government supplies, and were supplied during the night with rations. A few of the men received shoes and blankets, selected from the same source. Colonel Sherman estimated the number of the men who remained in the city after the fire at 1,500. He thought the troops were withdrawn from the city on Tuesday, or the Tuesday following. He was not sure. He was from the vicinity of Galena along the Rio Grande for [illegible] Taylor, and was afterward in the army of the Cumberland during part of the rebellion. He was honorably discharged. He was familiar with the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the [illegible] to actual enlistment in the military service of the United States," approved Feb 13, 1862, and which provided for the payment of bounties to persons enlisting in the army, navy, marine, and officer who had been honorably discharged during the rebellion for the term for which they enlisted, or to their heirs. He thought the provisions of an act entitled "An act [illegible] amendatory to actual enlistment in the military service of the United States," approved March 3, 1863, and another entitled "An act [illegible] amendatory to an act entitled 'An act to provide for the better organization of the militia, and for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions,' approved February 28, 1795," and the acts amendatory thereof, and also the act entitled "An act [illegible] amendatory to the act entitled 'An act to provide for the better organization of the militia, and for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions,' approved February 28, 1795," and the acts amendatory thereof, were applicable to the case. Under the provisions of these acts, the soldiers were entitled to receive patents for a bounty of $100 (one hundred dollars), one-quarter section, to be selected according to legal subdivisions, from any of the unappropriated lands subject to private entry at the minimum price of $1.25 per acre, or to receive scrip to the amount of $100 in lieu of the said patents. Any soldier who had served two years and received a regular discharge from the service of the United States, or who had served the full term for which he enlisted, or who had been honorably discharged on account of wounds received in the line of duty, was entitled to receive a patent for a quarter section, to be selected according to legal subdivisions, from any of the unappropriated lands subject to private entry at the minimum price of $1.25 per acre, or to receive scrip to the amount of $100 in lieu of the said patent. Any soldier who had served less than two years, and had received a regular discharge from the service of the United States, or who had been honorably discharged on account of wounds received in the line of duty, was entitled to receive a patent for eighty acres of land, or scrip to the amount of $80 in lieu thereof

FOREIGN.

The Governor General's Speech at the Opening of the Canadian Parliament.

Young O'Connor to get Twelve Months' Imprisonment and Twenty Lashes.

Hon. William McDougall on the Treaty of Washington.

CANADA.

TORONTO, April 11.—Hon. Wm. McDougall addressed his constituents at Ausnote last night. He condemned the scheme for the Pacific Railway now being carried out by the Canadian Government as involving enormous expenditure, and said a better route would have been to have relied on water communication by Lake Superior, then by the American railways to the Red River, thence by steamboat down that river to Fort Garry and Lake Winnepeg. By this plan Canada would have had steam communication with the Northwest at little expense.

He next referred to the Treaty of Washington it was just possible that Great Britain and the United States might continue to differ about the construction of the treaty, in which case Canada would not be called on to take any action with regard to it; but recent news seemed to indicate that the difference would be settled, and that therefore the matter would come before Parliament. It would be a fatal mistake for our Parliament to refuse to confirm the treaty to which the head of the Government had attached his signature. If the Dominion remains part and parcel of the British Empire we must submit to the consequences of that position, and be ready to do our part towards carrying out the arrangements that may have been entered into between the mother country and foreign countries. We can't remain as a part of the Empire and act as an independent nation. We must be willing to allow the Imperial Government, in its dealings with the United States or other foreign countries, to make such bargains as to it seemed wisdom, and in accordance with the public opinion of the Empire, they may find necessary. And we must soon see, like good subjects, and put up with the inconvenience. He was quite ready to discuss the propriety of a political change, if it was found that our position was an embarrassment to our welfare and to the mother country. He was quite prepared to consider what was the best, wisest, and safest course for us to take. But in Parliament as they could not discuss that question. They must leave sent with things as they were. They must recognize Canada as part of the British Empire.

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The report of the Parliamentary survey will be laid before the House, and the Governor General trusts that you will consider the best means of securing contemplated improvement and extension of the canals ought to be vigorously prosecuted. The increase in the trade of the Dominion and the importance of competing for and accommodating the commerce of the Great West, renders it necessary in the means of transportation by water should be cheapened and facilitated. He have to request your serious consideration of the subject, and to recommend to you the expediency of providing a direct water communication between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the City of Toronto.

A measure will be presented re-adjusting representation in accordance with the last census.

The accounts for the past year will be laid before the House. The revenue for the past as for as the current year will be much in excess of the amount estimated, and there is therefore reason to apprehend trouble from the immediate commencement of the contemplated public improvements.

I pray that your efforts in the path of duty may be so happily guided as to maintain peace and justice and to promote the welfare and happiness and welfare of all classes of its people.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 11.—At a dinner given by Ministers Sunday last attended by the Cabinet and among others, the Russian Prussian, and Austrian Ministers; Offenburg the newly appointed United States Minister to the United States; Minister Fortescue, Sir Charles Bowyer Odderly, Sir Curtis Sampson, etc.

The case of O'Connor, the assailant of the Queen, came up this morning. The prisoner made an ineffectual attempt to withdraw his plea of guilty, and plead not guilty on the ground of insanity. A jury was empanelled to inquire into the mental condition of the prisoner. O'Connor's answers to his counsel's questions. He testified that he (the father) was the nephew of Feargus O'Connor; that several members of his family were insane; that his brother was under restraint as he could not discuss that question. They must leave sent with things as they were. They must recognize Canada as part of the British Empire.

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I do not doubt you will be inclined to make ample provisions for the encouragement of immigration and the development of the mineral resources of Canada is vitally interwoven.

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The report of the Parliamentary survey will be laid before the House, and the Governor General trusts that you will consider the best means of securing contemplated improvement and extension of the canals ought to be vigorously prosecuted. The increase in the trade of the Dominion and the importance of competing for and accommodating the commerce of the Great West, renders it necessary in the means of transportation by water should be cheapened and facilitated. We